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SUBJECT: PROPOSED JOINT PRESS STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED UPON  
CONCLUSION OF A NEW MIDDLE EAST FORCE AGREEMENT

REF: MANAMA 1033

1. THIS CABLE TRANSMITS OUR PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT PRESS  
STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED BY THE GOB AND USG AT AN APPROPRIATE  
TIME AFTER CONCLUSION OF A NEW MIDDLE EAST FORCE AGREEMENT.  
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YOU SHOULD SEEK AN OCCASION DURING YOUR MEETINGS WITH  
FOREIGN MINISTER TO SECURE HIS AGREEMENT TO THE JOINT  
PRESS STATEMENT. REPORT ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES TO  
DEPARTMENT.

2. BEGIN PROPOSED JOINT PRESS STATEMENT:

"OVER RECENT MONTHS, THE GOVERNMENTS OF BAHRAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE HELD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY'S MIDDLE EAST FORCE IN THE REGION. AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO ALTER, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1977, THE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH MIDDLE EAST FORCE HAS MAINTAINED ITS HOMEPORT IN BAHRAIN. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT MIDDLE EAST

FORCE WILL REMAIN IN THE AREA AS AN AFLOAT COMMAND CONTINUING THE MISSION IT HAS PERFORMED FOR ALMOST THIRTY YEARS OF DEMONSTRATING US INTEREST IN THE REGION. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ANTICIPATE THAT MIDDLE EAST FORCE'S VESSELS WILL VISIT BAHRAIN FROM TIME TO TIME, JUST AS THEY WILL CONTINUE TO VISIT OTHER FRIENDLY REGIONAL PORTS. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY ESTABLISH IN BAHRAIN AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE BAHRAIN SCHOOL AND OCCASIONAL U.S. NAVY VISITS. THESE ARRANGEMENTS REFLECT THE CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF BAHRAIN AND THE UNITED STATES." END PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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